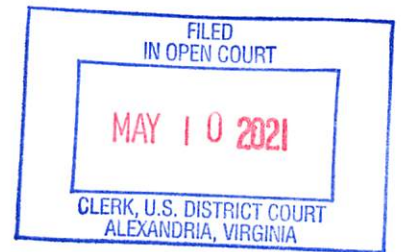


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Criminal No. 1:21cr112

RACHA FARHAT,

Defendant.

ORDER


This matter comes before the Court on its own initiative. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5(f) and the Due Process Protections Act, Pub. L. No 116–182, 134 Stat. 894 (Oct. 21, 2020), the Court hereby

ORDERS the United States to adhere to the disclosure obligations set forth in *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and its progeny. *Brady v. Maryland* instructs that “the suppression by the prosecution of evidence favorable to an accused” violates due process where the evidence is “material either to guilt or to punishment, irrespective of the good faith or bad faith of the prosecution.” 373 U.S. at 87. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in serious consequences, including, but not limited to, exclusion of evidence, adverse jury instructions, dismissal of charges, contempt proceedings, vacating a conviction, or disciplinary action against the prosecution.

Having given counsel the oral admonition required by the Due Process Protections Act, this Order serves as the reminder of prosecutorial obligation and duties in accordance with Rule 5(f) and the Eastern District of Virginia Standing Order concerning the same. Failure to comply with these disclosure requirements may result in the imposition of sanctions referenced in this Order.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Order to counsel of record.

May 10, 2021
Alexandria, Virginia

/s/ 

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge